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A. Political-Economic1. Soviet-Red Chinese Talks in Moscow

a. Mao's talks with Khrushchev in Nov 57 had following result:

- (1) Acknowledgement of Moscow's leading role in field of state and party policies.
- (2) Removal of Chinese Communist Party groups opposing Moscow's leading role.
- (3) Coordination of economy and foreign policies, Peking's expansive ideas and Soviet plans [redacted] 25X1
- (4) Reinforcement of Soviet military position in Vladivostok area, among other measures by improvement of traffic connections.
- (5) Building-up of joint defense organization, beginning off South Chinese Coast via North Korea as far as Sibiria. USSR will make pertinent deliveries to Red China, Mongolian People's Republic and North Korea.

b. Malinovski and Red-Chinese military delegation came to following agreements:

- (1) Malinovski himself will examine equipment and training standard of Red Chinese Armed Forces in near future.
- (2) It is aimed to interconnect by military pacts all Communist states on pattern of Warsaw Pact.
- (3) USSR ready to deliver to Red China: weapons, ammunition, jet fighters, transport aircraft, bombers, and AA, sig and radar equipment.
- (4) USSR will send to Red China restricted number of nuclear weapons and guided missiles with Soviet personnel at undetermined date.
- (5) Peking will receive weapon deliveries to be distributed at discretion.

c. Successful outcome of talks probably owing to Suslov's clever tactics, rather than Khrushchev's merit [redacted]. 25X1

(Comment: Peking apparently has the strategical task to protect east and Pacific front of East Bloc, thus forming a clear front [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Strengthening of Peking's military potential therefore agrees with Moscow's strategical interests. In this connection, info on delivery of nuclear weapons and guided missiles to China believed correct. Red China's dependence on Soviet economic and military deliveries, which will continue for some time, guarantees Moscow's complete control of Peking's military potential. Questions concerning Vladivostok had already been treated on occasion of Aristov's visit in Peking in Oct 57. 25X1

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Fact that North Vietnam not mentioned, again indicates that entire Southeast Asia belongs to Peking's sphere of influence and that Moscow restricts its activities in this area to that of an advisor.)

2. Removal of China Embargo

NATC China Committee agreed on removal of China embargo, effective 1 January 1958, thus leveling China with USSR and other East Bloc countries (press).

(Comment: This measure will not result in major increase of exports to China by [ ] countries in near future. Necessary conditions for such a development would be:

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- a. an unexpectedly favourable agricultural development in China (75 percent of total export!),
- b. or a liberal (touch-and-go!) crediting by [ ] States,
- c. or an unexpected shifting of Chinese foreign trade.

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3. Surplus "Intellectuals"

Forced training of university graduates in Bulgaria resulted in surplus of young university men who cannot easily be assigned adequate positions.

Doubts arose in Hungary as to effectiveness of large-scale university training of young people. Planned to prolong study period to 4, for specialists to 5 years, and simultaneously restrict number of students [ ]

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(Comment: University training of all East-Bloc countries concentrates on training of engineers. As a result of increasing urbanization, it has been difficult for years, notably in the predominantly agricultural countries, to employ the new university graduates in rural areas. So far, surplus university graduates found jobs in inflated bureaucracy, an outlet which is now almost completely blocked because of present endeavours to reduce red tape. Principally, it can be said that most European satellite states have entered phase in which intellectuals not employed in adequate positions will always represent source of opposition.)

4. Reorganization of FDJ and GST in GDR

On 6 Nov, a 40-man Komsomol delegation arrived in East Berlin. Members of delegation were distributed among individual districts of GDR to reorganize work of FDJ and GST Bezirks- and Kreis Headquarters on pattern of Komsomol and DOSAAF (Association for Cooperation with Army, Air Force and Komsomol and DOSAAF Functionaries) [ ]

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(Comment: Action is believed to be connected with resolutions of 33d Plenary Session of SED Central Committee, on occasion of which FDJ had been severely criticized. [ ]

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5. Discontinuation of Foodstuff Rationing in GDR

At 33d Plenary Session of SED Central Committee, Ulbricht again announced discontinuation of food stuff rationing in GDR; accord to rumors, measure will come into effect on 1 Jan 1958. (press)

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(Comment: Doubted that measure can be executed on 1 Jan 1958, since, in addition to known transportation difficulties during winter months, data on own production and imports will not yet be available at that time. Should measure be put into effect in course of 1958, believed that considerable difficulties would arise from supply shortages not to be overcome in so short a period. Price increases would affect financially weak strata of population and could be compensated only by wage raises which, in turn, would lead to increase of production costs. There is, however, the possibility that, in spite of insufficient economic conditions, SED Government will decide on execution of announced measure.)

6. Economic Returns of GDR to Yugoslavia for Diplomatic Acknowledgement

Accord to unconfirmed report, GDR agreed to construct in Yugoslavia a textile combine, a shipyard for ships up to 5,000 tons, a chemical plant and 3 cement factories in return for diplomatic acknowledgement

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(Comment: Together with USSR, GDR has already promised to Yugoslavia construction of an aluminum plant, a nitrogen plant, a power plant and coal processing plants. In addition, GDR has heavy export commitments toward other East-Block States for period from 1956 to 1960. The GDR is therefore unlikely to be able to fulfill the new agreement in the foreseeable future.)

See also supplements.

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B. Armed Forces

I. USSR and "United" Forces (Warsaw Pact)

Total Strength

Personnel Exchange

Until 5 Dec, the following additional troop shpmts crossed the border:

USSR-GDR: 5 loaded and 1 empty train

GDR-USSR: 10 loaded and 5 empty trains

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(Comments: Incl these 21 shpmts, total of 83 pers shuttle trains crossed border in both directions. Appr same number of shpmts observed during first 5 weeks of 1956 pers exchange program.)

II. Poland

1. Recruiting and Replacement Administration

Draft for new bill on military service for officers recently forwarded to Polish Sejm for discussion and passing. Draft for this so-called "Officer Pragmatic" prepared by special commissions of Defense Ministry under direction of Deputy-Chief-of-Staff Brig Gen Duszynski, discussed with officer committees and approved by Council of Ministers. Bill concerns qualifications, rights and duties of Polish officers (Polish Radio, 28 and 29 Nov 1957).

(Comments: Preparation of new bill on military service of officers repeatedly officially announced during 1957. Following details obtained from speeches made by responsible MON officers and press reports: Polish nationality and completion of high school prerequisites for application. Promotion only upon completion of required term of service and proved qualification. Promotion to major only after field-grade officer examination. Introduction of title of "Diploma (Approved) Officer" for graduates from staff and military academies. New bill has purpose to raise standards of officer corps which had been affected during post-war period by assignment of Soviet officers to medium and high command positions, Communist Party influence and arbitrary actions of polit agencies and military legal authorities. Aim to be achieved by approved pre-war methods in connection with modern army requirements.)

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## 2. Interior Order

In May 1957, unit of Military Interior Service (Wojakowa Sluzba Wewnistrana) (WSW), [redacted] stationed in building of barracks on 1D Warschawska, SW Bronberg main rr station. Unit was subordinate to 2d (Potersnian) MD (Brig Gen Hussara). Staff of WSW Unit [redacted] Bronberg: Col Knap: C/O, Lt Col Garwitaki: deputy C/O, Lt Col Krajewski: chief of staff, Maj Collanda and Capt Sady: first and second deputy chiefs of staff. Unit was equipped with submachine guns. Soldiers wore white cap bands and cap piping and metal letters "WSW" on white collar patches. Unit was organized as follows:

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	staff officers	Capt	Lt	Techn Serg	NOO	EM	Total
Hq	4	1	-	-	-	-	5
Operational Pl	-	1	7	8	5	24	45
Maintenance Pl	-	-	-	-	-	28	28
	4	2	7	8	5	52	78
	13			65			

Motor vehicle equipment incl 6 "Warschawsky" sedans, 4 GAZ-69s, 4 M-20s and 2 "Lublin" trucks.

Missions: control of road discipline and uniforms of military personnel and (military?) vehicular traffic by officer and NCO patrols. Control of soldiers on leave and trains. Search for AWOL personnel. Officer patrols, regardless of rank of patrol leader, were able to take action against and, if necessary, arrest officers up to lt col. C/O Col Knap wore various uniforms and, alone on duty, frequently civilian clothes [redacted]

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(Comment: First report on organization and employment of WSW unit. For info on activation of the WSW (military police), [redacted] Officer names and [redacted] are reported for the first time. Large proportion of officers (patrol leaders) worth noting. Maintenance pl possibly comprised of drivers of patrol vehicles.

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Personnel Exchange

From 27 November to 5 December 1957, the following border-crossing personnel shipments were observed:

(C/B - Converted Boxcar)

Date	From	To	Type of Shipment
27 Nov	Frankfurt/Oder	Rangsdorf	56 C/B (loaded)
	Rangsdorf	Frankfurt/Oder	56 C/B (empty)
	Greifswald distr	Kuestrin	116 axles (900 tons)
28 Nov	Cottbus distr	Brest-Litovsk	116 axles (850 tons)
	Cottbus distr	Kuestrin	116 axles (850 tons)
	Cottbus distr	Greifswald distr	116 axles (850 tons)
	Bernau	Frankfurt/Oder	116 axles (800 tons)
	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus distr	116 axles (850 tons)
29 Nov	Magdeburg distr	Frankfurt/Oder	116 axles (650 tons)
	Greifswald distr	Kuestrin	116 axles (850 tons)
	Kuestrin	Wusternmark	58 C/B (empty)
1 Dec	Greifswald distr	Frankfurt/Oder	116 axles (800 tons)
	Cottbus distr	Kuestrin	116 axles (850 tons)
2 Dec	Bernau	Kuestrin	116 axles (900 tons)
	Cottbus distr	Kuestrin	116 axles (850 tons)
	Cottbus distr	Brest-Litovsk	116 axles (600 tons)
3 Dec	Kuestrin	Greifswald distr	116 axles (800 tons)
	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus distr	116 axles (800 tons)

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Date	From	To	Type of Shipment
4 Dec	Greifswald distr	Brest-Litovsk	116 axles (600 tons)
	Cottbus distr	Brest-Litovsk	116 axles (600 tons)
4/5 Dec	Jueterbog	Kuesstrin	116 axles (900 tons)

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(Comment: By the above-listed 21 shipments, the total number of border-crossing shuttle trains is increased to 83 shipments.)

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29 Oct-9 Nov Meiningen, Barbara Kaserne [ ]: Once a week 15-17 tanks went to Rohrer Berg for firing and driving practice. Accord to description, presum T-10s [ ]

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(Comment: Accord to avail info, a mecz regt/39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div (Mecz) carried there. Observation of this hv type tank indicates that tank regt of div located in Meiningen rather than Ohrdruf as had been assumed.)

17-26 Nov Rudolstadt, Flak Kaserne [ ]: Large number of officers and jeeps in vehicular and pedestrian traffic from and to installation worth noting. Assumed that hq located there [ ]

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(Comment: Indications of hq in this installation received for prolonged period. Presum Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div (Mecz) so far carried in Ohrdruf.)

2. Order of Battle

30 Nov Potsdam/Wildpark rr station: appr 40 tanks, incl some 20 T-34s and the rest T-54s, with small escort detail from Kriegsschule (2288) and Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287), Potsdam, loaded onto 2 shpmts. First shpmt left toward Brandenburg/Havel [ ]

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30 Nov 1 shpmt Wildpark-Bernau [ ] 2200, appr 18 T-34s unloaded at Bernau rr station for Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241), Bernau [ ]

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(Comment: Possibly turning-in of tanks of 10th Gds Tank Div within framework of reequipment of tank units. Some of the tanks possibly for 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bernau.)

1 Dec Bernau rr station: 24 guns of new type unloaded and towed to former Army Clothing Depot I (4244), Bernau, by prime movers [ ]

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(Comment: Accord to description of guns, presum 122-mm M-55 field guns for 71st Arty Brig/Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Shpmt tends to indicate that rearmament of army arty brigs still under way. Possible that 152-mm M-43 field hows still observed with this brig are being replaced by field guns.)

3. Training

In early Dec, tng of Soviet troops concentrated on basic tng of recruits at posts and maintenance of weapons and vehicles, while trained personnel were simultaneously discharged for USSR. See B, Total Strength. Except for a tank firing detail, presum of 1st Mecz Div, from Doeberitz which was entrained for u/i destination at Wildpark rr station on 1 Dec, no tng outside of posts observed [ ]

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(Comment: Activities of Soviet troops normal for this time of year.)

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## II. GDR/NVA

### 1. Order of Battle

Recently, preparations were made at installation of a mtz rifle regt for making available office rooms for Soviet advisors. Necessity of measure explained with planned reorganization of NVA ground forces which, reportedly, had already been discussed in officer circles [ ]

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(Comment: Since appr 1 year, Soviet advisors have generally been employed only with div and higher headquarters and schools. Remains to be seen if announced changes will result in increased cadrization of troop units or utilization of new experiences and command concepts or are connected with reorganization of border police into border guard units which is already under way. Also possibility of compromises with a view to shortage of personnel, standardized improved tng schedule and continuous readiness for employment. Individual additional indications also furnish no particular clue as to possible aim of changes.)

At present, army arty regts (each 1 regt with both armies and/or MDs) are organized into 3 bns, namely 1 bn with 3 btrys, with an authorized equipment of 6x152-mm gun hows to each btry; 1 bn with 3 btrys, with an authorized equipment of 6x152-mm hows to each btry; and 1 bn (arty rcn bn) with 3 btrys for flash and sound-ranging as well as surveying missions [ ]

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### 2. Training

On 25 Nov, elms 27th Mtz Rifle Regt transferred to Luebtheen tng gr. On 23 Nov, units from Potsdam post apparently practiced fighting of air-landing and parachute troops near post, with 3 transport aircraft flying over post tng gr at an altitude of appr 400 meters. Aircraft dropped balloons, most of which were shot. Subsequently, tanks attacked enemy positions with hv inf weapons incl hv machine guns, RPGs and 57-mm AT guns.

On 26 Nov, bulk 1st AAA Regt allegedly transferred to Altengrabow tng gr [ ]

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Barracks duty, tng of NCOs and recruits, recruiting of volunteers and leaves continued until late Nov [ ]

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(Comment: Accord to available info, tng activities during second half Nov normal. As far as tng was conducted at tng gr, tng there concentrated on firing practice incl advanced combat firing with various weapons of cadre personnel and soldiers with 1 year of tng .

Learned recently that movements took place in south portion of GDR on 26 Oct; movements tend to indicate that exercises which involved the 4th Mts Rifle Div terminated shortly before, possibly in area SE Wittenberg.)

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### III. Poland

#### Order of Battle

In Nov 1956, the 28th AT Brig, C/O Lt Col Prackiewicz, with the 91st, 92d and 93d AT Regts, was located Gnesen. Total strength of brig appr 1,500 men. Armament incl 27x76-mm, 27x85-mm and 27x100-mm AT guns. In Mar 1957, the brig was reorganized into an AT Regt, with designation 91st AT Regt, [redacted]. Previous brig commander who had meanwhile been promoted to col became regt commander [redacted]

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(Comment: Previously reported that 92d and 93d AT Regts deactivated. Assumed that brig was only redesignated and that former 28th AT Brig with previous strength and armament now carried as regt unit. [redacted] confirmed in Gnesen until Sep 57 and at Wandern tng gr in Aug 57. Col Prackiewicz (Praskiewicz?) is known [redacted])

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In June 1957, Hq 4th Mtz Rifle Div located in Crossen/Oder. Div C/O was Tadeus Nalogowski, Chief of Staff Lt Col Jakimow. Prior to Nov 1956, the div was subordinate to corps in Posen, after deactivation of the latter to the 4th MD in Breslau. The following units of div are known:

Unit	Post	C/O
11th Mtz Rifle Regt	Crossen	Maj Stachura
38th Mtz Rifle Regt	Freystadt	Maj Kluczinski
one Arty Regt	Zuellichau	
Div Sig Bn	Crossen	a major
one Engr Bn	Crossen	
44th Mot Trans Bn	Crossen	Lt Grabowski
Div Hq Co	Crossen	Lt Streua
one AAA Regt	Goerlitz	
one Mtz Rifle Regt	Tiborlager	
one Mtz Rifle Regt	Landsberg	

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A tank SP regt stationed in Sagan was detached to 11th Tank Div Sagan about March 1957. Mtz rifle regt in Tiborlager was to be deactivated in 1957. Mtz rifle regt in Landsberg belonged to div appr since May 1957. The 4th Mtz Rifle Div was fully motorized, reportedly with appr 2,000 mot veh [redacted]

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(Comment: Info confirms and supplements reports on reorganization in northwest portion of Silesian MD (Breslau) [redacted])

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Deactivation of 13th Mtz Rifle Regt in Tiborlager and subordination of 12th Mtz Rifle Regt Landsberg, so far 5th Mtz Rifle Div, now definitely confirmed. Detachment of 22d Tank SP Regt Sagan to 11th Mecz Div (not 11th Tank Div) in Sagan reported for the first time. Accord to other credible info, 111th AAA Regt Goerlitz also attached to 11th Mecz Div. [redacted] The fact that the 12th Mtz Rifle Regt Landsberg is located in the northernmost part of the billeting area of division neighboring to the north (5th Mtz Rifle Div) supports the assumption that these two divisions have been fusioned, with some of their elements having been detached to the 11th and 19th Mecz Divs. Hq 4th Mtz Rifle Div confirmed in Crossen until Nov 57.)

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D. Air Force

I. USSR

1. Command and Training of Troops

Reliable reports indicate that MiG-17 passes at aircraft representing targets were repeatedly broken off at a distance of 1,000 - 1,500 meters from the target [redacted]

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(Comment: The veering off at a distance over 1,000 meters is reported for the first time. According to previous observations, the distance was between 500 and 800 meters. The increased distance may indicate training for the employment of air-to-air rockets.)

2. Logistics

Until late Nov 1957, the following autobahn middle strips were known to be improved as auxiliary runways:

- a. On 23 Nov, concreting work was completed on the strip between Schkeuditzer Kreuz and Weissenfels, exit Bad Duerrenberg in northern direction between kilometer markers (km) 136.5 and 138.3 [redacted]
- b. On 20 Nov, concreting was completed on autobahn Berliner Ring - Frankfurt/Oder, near Berlin Ring between kms 5.5 and 8. Total width 21 meters near km 8 [redacted]
- c. Concreting completed on strips on autobahn Dresden-Berlin between town perimeter and Ruhland from kms 115 - 119 [redacted]
- d. Construction site north of Erfurt between Gotha and Weimar [redacted]
- e. Construction site on autobahn Dresden-Plauen near Wilsdruf [redacted]
- f. Construction site short before point where autobahn Dresden-Berlin joins the Berliner Ring [redacted]
- g. Construction site on autobahn Leipzig-Nuernberg south of Osterfeld near Zeitz [redacted]
- h. Construction site on autobahn Dresden-Berlin, about 1 km north of Klotzsche [redacted]
- i. Construction site on autobahn Weimar-Jena [redacted]

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(Comment: Pin-point location of some strips unknown. The old race-track on autobahn north of Koeckern, near Bitterfeld presumably is also suitable for emergency landings.)

Underground Bunkers

The target date of 31 Dec 1957 fixed for the four underground bunkers for air defense in the GDR will certainly not be met. In late Nov 1957, construction work on the bunker near Riinitz had advanced most. Completion of the bunkers in Rechlin-Laerz, Erfurt-Schaderode and Merseburg cannot be expected before Apr 1958

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Order for construction of N-S runway placed with Rostock Bauunion. Preparation started on construction site. Begin of construction work fixed for early 1958 [ ]

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**II. Poland****1. Location of Troops and Aircraft**

- a. Information contained in a bulletin for Polish Air Force officer candidates who participated in a training course in Breslau from May to July 1957: Aircraft strength of Ftr Regt: 40 operational aircraft, 6 trainers, 6 practice aircraft, 1 plane for special employment, total 53. Bmr Regt: 30 operational aircraft, 8 trainers, 4 aircraft for special employment, total 42 [ ]

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(Comment: This information confirms previous assumption: Ftr Regt has 3 x 12 operational aircraft plus 4 aircraft for headquarters squadron; Bmr Regt has 3 x 9 operational aircraft plus 3 aircraft for the headquarters flight. The fighter trainers are UMIG-15s, the practice and special-employment aircraft are Yak-11/18s, Po-2s and AN-2.

- b. In Mar 1957, Zendeck (5029 N - 1905 E) airfield was occupied by 35 MiG-15s and 55 officer pilots [ ]

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(Comment: Zendeck airfield is believed to be occupied by 1 Polish Ftr Regt.)

**2. Command and Training of Troops**

Throughout the year until Jun 1957, there was daily training activity by small aircraft at Gabbert (5318 N - 1542 E) airfield where no hangars or runway were available. The aircraft were technically serviced by personnel from Maerkisch-Friedland (5323 N - 1606 E) airfield [ ]

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(Comment: Gabbert airfield obviously is the auxiliary field for Maerkisch-Friedland airfield where a Polish GA Regt with IL-10s is presumably located.

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F. Premilitary and Paramilitary Training

GDR

Militia and Police Units

1. German Border Police

Since early Oct 1957, border police Kommandos at demarcation line and Ring-um-Berlin have increasingly been referred to as "companies". Several (generally 4) companies are being organized into an "Abteilung", a unit of battalion character. Appr 4 such battalions are being subordinated to a border police Bereitschaft (GB) which resembles a regiment, although it is not called so officially.

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(Comment:

Abovementioned organization presun amounts to extension of GB sectors and thus deactivation of individual GB headquarters. So far, intended deactivation of GB Koepfelsdorf (demarcation line) and deactivation of GB Schenkendorf (Ring um Berlin) reported for 8 Nov 1957.)

District administration VI is located in Rostock. GBs Greifswald, Glowe and Rostock and Substaff See in Rostock are subordinate to this adm.

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2. German Border Police

On orders of HVDVP, details of up to 5 men from VP Kreis offices (VPKA) have been rotated to VP Bereitschaften in East Berlin since Oct 1957 for assignments of several months.

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(Comment:

Provided that reported details were detached simultaneously from all VPKAs, the measure would amount to a reinforcement of the East-Berlin DVP by at least 800 men. On the basis of info (personnel shortage of East Berlin VP Bereitschaften), there is reason to believe that these detachments represent an emergency measure to overcome this shortage. Accord to recent unconfirmed report, such a reinforcement would on the other hand at any time allow large-scale police actions in East Berlin, f.e. in order to stop flight from GDR, or private contacts betw East and West or to paralyze activities of intelligence services. Accord to another report, border police Kommandos along demarcation line had also to detach 1 to 2 men each or a total of 200-400 men after Aug 1957 for reinforcement of units in Ring-um-Berlin.)

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It was learned from a VPKA that, after No 57, at least 25 percent of the members of each such office received or will receive instruction on Soviet PPSh-M-41 submachine guns.

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German model 94 light machine guns; hand grenades; and smoke candles. In addition, increased trng with weapons and in firing (93-K carbines, model 08 pistols, PP Walter pistols) was conducted in Oct 1957.

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